

Mawr, Pennsylvania. Following graduation, Joe was employed by Mobil Oil Corporation for eleven years. During his employment with Mobil he held a number of management positions in various locations in the United States, including Los Angeles, Seattle, New York City and Sacramento.

In 1976, Joe and his family relocated to South Orange County where he opened a successful State Farm Insurance Agency in San Clemente. After operating his agency for ten years, Joe accepted a management position with the company. During the last decade of his career, Joe held an executive level assignment with responsibility for all agency operations in South Orange County. He retired in 2005 after 29 loyal years with the firm.

Joe's community activities include: past board member and President of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, the South Coast Area Boys & Girls Club and Mary Erickson Community Housing. He served on the San Clemente Growth Management, Economic Development and General Plan Review Committees. He chaired the Casa Romantica Feasibility Study, and co-chaired the Downtown Visioning Committee. Due to his many years of service, Joe was named the 1993 San Clemente Citizen of the Year.

Joe was first elected to the San Clemente City Council in 1990, where he served two terms and then stepped down in 1998. In 2002, at the urging of members of the community, Joe ran and was elected to a third term. He was re-elected in November 2006 for a fourth term. Joe served as Mayor in 1992, 2005 and 2008.

Joe serves as San Clemente's Trustee to the Orange County Vector Control Agency, and represents San Clemente on the board of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. He also serves on the City's Investment Advisory Board, and is board alternate to the Transportation Corridor Agencies. During 2005 and 2006, he chaired the Communications and Outreach Committee of the Orange County Division, League of California Cities for the renewal of Measure M. In November, 2006, Measure M passed with a 69.6% yes vote.

Joe and his wife of 45 years, Mary Anna, are the proud parents of three married sons. John, a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps; Charles, an Estimating Manager for a large electrical contractor; and Robert, an entrepreneur. The Anderson's have five beautiful grandchildren.

Joe Anderson's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of San Clemente, California. I am proud to call Joe a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award.

RECOGNIZING THE SONDGERTH'S 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special couple from Mendota, Illinois, Lester and Mary Rita Sondgeroth, on

the celebration of their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary. The love and dedication required through 67 years of marriage is a shining example of what a bond as strong as theirs can achieve, and I commend them on all those special years together. This is truly a significant milestone and one that only a very few are fortunate enough to celebrate in their lifetime.

Lester and Mary Rita Sondgeroth were united in marriage on February 10, 1943 at the Holy Cross Church in Mendota where the couple has made their home to this day. Throughout the years, the Sondgeroths were blessed with five children—the late Dean Sondgeroth, the late Dianna Neisess, Debra Peters, Dru Sondgeroth, and Denise Burnette. They now have the pleasure of spending time with their five grandchildren—Scott Peters, Adam Peters, Brandon Burnette, Austin Burnette, and lastly Ryan Peters who I am proud to say is an outstanding member of my District Office staff in Vista, California.

A 67th wedding anniversary reminds us that marriage is not an instant achievement but a covenant that requires love, patience, and respect. Lester and Mary Rita Sondgeroth have perfected this commitment to each other and are truly blessed to have a strong marriage, their family, and a lifetime of memories. As they live each day by their wedding vows, they continue to inspire all who are fortunate to know them.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lester and Mary Rita Sondgeroth on this momentous occasion and sending our best wishes for many more years of love and happiness.

IN HONOR OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL JOSIP BOZANIĆ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Cardinal Josip Bozanic, Croatian Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, upon his visit to the American-Croatian Lodge, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio. The Croatian Lodge of Cleveland is a vibrant cultural center where the history and traditions of Croatia have been promoted and preserved for twenty-five years.

Cardinal Bozanic was born and raised in Rijeka, Yugoslavia (now Croatia). His parents, Ivan Bozanic and Dinka Vlakovic, taught him the values of hard work, faith and service to others. On June 29th, 1975, Cardinal Bozanic was ordained to the priesthood, by Bishop Karmelo Zazinovic. He served as a parish priest for several years before going to Rome where he earned a licentiate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and then a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University.

Cardinal Bozanic returned to Yugoslavia, where he served as chancellor and then vicar general of the Diocese of Krk. From 1988 to 1997, he taught dogmatic theology and canon law at the Theological Institute of Rijeka. On May 10, 1989, Cardinal Bozanic was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Krk by Pope John Paul II. On October 21, 2003, Pope John Paul II appointed him as Cardinal Priest of San

Girolamo dei Croati. Cardinal Bozanic was a member of the Cardinal Electors of the 2005 Papal Conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of His Eminence, Cardinal Josip Bozanic, whose journey to Cleveland, Ohio to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the American-Croatian Lodge, Inc. is greatly appreciated by all residents of Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE SIMPSONS"

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the anniversary of an important milestone in our shared cultural history.

December 17, 2009 marked the 20th anniversary of the debut episode of "The Simpsons." The Fox Broadcasting Company, which airs the show, spent the entirety of 2009 commemorating this milestone, and ended the celebration on January 10, 2010 with an hour-long special.

In 1989, Fox took a chance and gave "The Simpsons" creator Matt Groening an opportunity to produce a half-hour primetime animated show for the network.

Since then, the program has become world renowned. It has been honored with 25 Primetime Emmy awards, a Peabody award, and was named the 20th century's best television series by Time Magazine.

It holds the distinction of being the longest running American animated program, the longest running American sitcom, and the longest running American primetime television program. In 2007, a feature-length film entitled "The Simpsons Movie" was released to worldwide box office success.

While the show is renowned for its cultural references, it has achieved a cultural iconic status in its own right. A testament to this is the addition of "Doh," a frequently used exclamation of the show's lead character Homer Simpson, to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2001.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate "The Simpsons" on its milestone, and I thank creators Matt Groening, James L. Brooks and Al Jean for the many years of laughs and the many more to come.

MEDIA IMAGES THAT DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT MANY GIRLS' SELF-ESTEEM

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address an issue that many girls struggle with well into adulthood: media images that detrimentally affect their self-esteem.

We all know how important it is to help raise our young women to become able, self-confident people, for their own sake and for the benefit of our society.